RICHMOND, VA., SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1914.

MOST EVENTFUL YEAR IN BASEEBALL

One of the Biggest Wars in the National Game Starts.

SURPRISE FOLLOWS SURPRISE

Unexpected Developments at Many Stages-Braves Make Spectacular Climb.

NEW YORK, December 26.—When baseball fans of the dim and distant future get together to reminisce, they will be unanimous in agreeing that 1914 was one of the most eventful years in the history of the game. All along the way, from the very first day of the year to the present time, the unusual has been the order of things. sual has been the order of things

As Father Time ushered in 1914, the liants and White Sox were abroad on the greatest world tour of ball players over Flown. Also the Federal League was just coming into being as an organization worthy of attention. It brought flong with it one of the three biggest baseball wars. The only ones to compare with it war is still on, very much on, as all concerned and unconcerned know.

time such a thing has been done

The actual playing season of the oblg leagues presented unexpected developments at many stages. The Boston Braves made their spectacular climb from the cellar to the position of the National League, thereby ousting three-time champion Glants from the honor. And the Athletics consid-red invincible in a short series, were senten by them for the world's title,

Athletics Rank Near Top.
Following the close of the season came word from Connie Mack that he was to break up the combination that had ruled the diamond so despotitated the diamond so despotitation of the close they met the Braves. The going of Bender, Plank, Coombs and going of Bender, Plank, Coombs and Colling leaves only a shell of the old left the ball will cut over to the right."

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"The ball is twisted and rubbed on the piece of emery cloth in the palm of the glove until there is a rough spot about the size of a silver half dollar on it," he says. "Then here's the part that everybody doesn't know—how to hold it and also throw it exactly the same as any other delivery, either a straight, fast inshoot or an outcure. The important consideration is to have the rough spot at the position where it will be on the end of the axis of turning; in other words, practically stands still or just spins instead of revolving clear around the ball as it whirls. The rough spot being on the same side throughout the whole journey of the ball, it causes extra compression of air on that side, which makes the ball swerve and hop toward.

BRIDGEPORT RIFLE TEAM

J. EADS IN WEEK'S SHOOT

WASHINGTON, December 28.—Thirty-six rifle clubs from thirty-four cities participated this week in the opening participated this week in the opening pronship, under auspices of the National Rifle Association of America. Bridgeport, Conn., led Class A, scorling 390, against a score of 962 by Manchester, N. H.

Flynn Knocks Out Davis.

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Federal League After This Cuban Pitcher



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Palmero, the Cuban pitcher, who played for a short time with the New Vork Giants last season, has just pitched a no-hit game against the Fe club, which his team winning 7 to 1. He struck out twelve men. It is rumored that Palmero is being sought by a Federal League team in the States.

cally before they met the Braves. The going of Bender, Plank, Coombs and Collins leaves only a shell of the old Philadelphia machine, which in time to come will be ranked near if not quite at the top, when the greatest teams are under discussion. The sale of Collins alone is almost epochal. Here is a man rated by a majority of critics as the greatest player in the game, and his sale to the Chicago White Sox is supposed to have drawn a world's record price, said by one man, who claims to know, to be \$43.

500. Where is there another instance of the greatest player of any generation being sold or traded to another team?

Don't forget the passing of Hans Wagner either. The old-timer went through his first season with worse than a 300 batting average.

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NORTH CAROLINA A. & M. **ADOPTS ATHLETIC RULES**

Antiquated Eligibility Code Brought Up to Date, and Will Be in Effect After September 1, 1915.

FAVORS BONA-FIDE STUDENTS

College Takes Step in Advance of Any Institution in South Atlantic Division-Hits "Summer Baseball"

As a college grows in number of students and in athletic importance it finds that at intervals it becomes necessary to revise its athletic eligibility rules to meet changing conditions.

The athletic code in force at Agricultural and Mechanical at the present time has remained much the same for the past four years, but since Agricultural and Mechanical has come to be recognized as one of the leaders of the South Atlantic division (having won the championship in 1913), and is attracting more and more students from other colleges and other States who desire technical education, it has ocen found necessary to make certain changes in the eligibility rules looking to a stricter regulation in certain respects.

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Agricultural and Mechanical has always tried to base its athletic regulations upon common sense, and to allow as much latitude as was consistent with prevention of abuses. The basic idea has always been that every student is entitled to athletic privileges at a college as well as its other advantages, and that he should not be denied these privileges by any arbitrary rule unless there was some strong reason for doing so, and unless the common good demanded it.

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The revised rules, printed below, which take effect September 1, have been under consideration for the past year. It is believed by the Agricultural and Mechanical faculty that these rules will prevent abuses of the athletic privileges and will at the same time work the least possible hardship upon the bonn fide students. The college realizes that it is taking a step in advance of any institution in the South Atlantic division as the new athletic eligibility code contains the thirty-day registration rule (rule 5) and the two-thirds of the preceding year residence rule (rule 7) taken from the old rules, these two rules being considered fundamental, and, as now added, the second year or five months' rules for students from other colleges, and students deficient in entrance requirements.

There is not another institution in

give out any of the happenings at the meeting, but said the sale of the club was progressing favorably and that another meeting would be held on Monday.

| Rolling to about the liability to abuse in this particular has made it advisable to pass this rule. As the rule now stands it is the same as the rule in force at the University of North Carolina, with

Champion Welsh's Next Opponent



Soundered fundamental, and, as now played for a short time with the New played for a short time with the New played for a short time with the New played for the South Atlantic division which has been at the

miniature speedways. Old dobbin call not stand the pance any more, and is coming the flashier, more sensational is coming the flashier, more sensational racing car, capable of showing hearts quickening speed for sustained distinction of being the championside the flashier, more sensational transfer of the world, it was only that the contest with its slow dragged-out mee'n more in the flashier in the second division, and all the played built. They did not attract and more. The horse is dead; long live King Gasolene.

Speed champions for 1814 are Rene and the world, who won the Indianapolis more to speed with the speed of 142.8 miles an hour, and Eddle Pullan, who was the best all-around speed of 142.8 miles an hour in an attempt to lower the world; is straightfaway record, which, however, is still held by Arthur Duray, with a speed of 142.9 miles an hour to his gottact the Indianapolis of the best man at those post-way and the best man at those post-way and the best man at those post-ways the form. When the world is coming the flashing that the world is coming the flashing that the second division. With such a club, and with the added that the Athletics were in the second division. They may be a colories at the second division. They are rivalled by Teddy Tottaff, who at the played by the played of 142.9 miles an hour to his speed of 142.9 miles and hour to his speed of 142.9 miles an hour to his speed of 142.9 miles an hour to his speed of 142.9 miles an hour to his speed of 142.9 miles and hour to h

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BOXING WILL BE IN FULL **SWING AFTER JANUARY 1**

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Interesting Exhibitions on Card for New York-Welsh Is Ready for Packy McFarland and Others.

CLABBY IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Takes Exceptions to a Few Things Mike Gibbons Has Been Saying. Jim Flynn About to Retire From Pugilistic Circles.

NEW YORK, December 26.—Boxing in the States where the much-con-demned sport still thrives, will be resumed with renewed activity with the coming of the New Year. There was really no holiday lull, but the bouts that were contested yesterday lacked class, and the principals were not of the first rank.

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While this tight little isle has witnessed some interesting exhibitions since the installation of Johnston as pilot of the puglistic destinies of Madison Square Garden, we have been promised even more attractive matches by the irrepressible manager.

Several weeks ago the writer broached the subject of Welsh-McFarland and Gibbons-Clabby bouts. It was stated that these luminaries would perform for the edification of local enthusiasts shortly. The fast-fading year will not see these battles, but the month of January is almost certain to find these two important clashes on the program.

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Weigh has recovered from his recent strain due to overwork, and is ready for McFarland, Ritchie, White, Shugrue, et al. The illustrious Packey is first on the calling list, as Freddie thinks that the sooner he disposes of the Windy City wizard the less obnoxious with their challenges will be the others who are molesting him for a chance at his title.

The outlook for a McFarland Cities.

The outlook for a McFarland-Gibbons battle does not appear as bright as it did a few weeks ago, before Packey came to town ahoneymooning. Upon his arrival those who welcomed came to town ahoneymooning. Upon his arrival those who welcomed him were astounded at the width of girth displayed by Packey. But closer inspection revealed layers of flabby flesh, the sort that comes rolling off with a

West.

Then there were dirt track contests without number, the most notable being that at the Minneapolis State fair, which again played to an attendance of over 100,000. In point of paid admissions to a single event, the automobile racing game easily captures the season's honors.

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